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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A unified messaging system that serves to interconnect a subscriber with a plurality of independently operable messaging services to which they subscribe, comprising:

sign-on service means, accessible to a subscriber via a communication medium, for providing said subscriber with a single point of access for a plurality of independently operable messaging services that are accessible to said sign-on service means via said communication medium; and

unified service access means for sharing personal address book and calendaring applications among said plurality of independently operable messaging services via said communication medium.

2. (Currently amended) The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising: means, responsive to said subscriber signing on to the ~~network~~ sign-on service means, for accessing subscriber's account profile information located in said sign-on service means in a centralized profile for messaging services.

3. (Currently amended) The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising: directory means for authenticating said subscriber; and means for allowing the subscriber to access ones of said plurality of independently operable messaging services that are enabled in their account profile.

4. (Currently amended) The unified messaging system of claim [[1]] 3 further comprising: wherein said directory means contains subscriber profile data including at least one of: such as mobile telephone number, spoken name, e-mail address, services access, and links to the personal address book and calendar servers.

5. (Currently amended) The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising: means for enabling said subscriber to move seamlessly among the allowed messaging services to share personal address book and calendaring applications.

6. (Currently amended) The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising:

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means to enable said subscriber to access said ~~unified messaging system~~ sign-on service means via a one of a Telephone User Interface and a WEB User interface using a laptop or personal computer.

7. (Currently amended) A method of providing a unified messaging service that serves to interconnect a subscriber with a plurality of independently operable messaging services to which they subscribe, comprising:

providing said subscriber with a single point of access, via a sign-on service interface, accessible to a subscriber via a communication medium for a plurality of independently operable messaging services that are accessible to said sign-on service means via said communication medium; and

sharing personal address book and calendaring applications among said plurality of independently operable messaging services via said communication medium.

8. (Currently amended) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

accessing, in response to said subscriber signing on to the ~~network~~ sign-on service interface, said subscriber's account profile information located in said sign-on service interface in a centralized profile for messaging services.

9. (Currently amended) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

authenticating said subscriber using a directory of subscribers; and

allowing the subscriber to access ones of said plurality of independently operable messaging services that are enabled in their account profile.

10. (Currently amended) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim ~~[[7]]~~ 2 further comprising:

storing ~~in said directory~~ subscriber profile data in said directory including at least one of: ~~such as~~ mobile telephone number, spoken name, e-mail address, services access, and links to the personal address book and calendar servers.

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11. (Currently amended) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

~~means for~~ enabling said subscriber to move seamlessly among the allowed messaging services to share personal address book and calendaring applications.

12. (Currently amended) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

~~means to enable~~ enabling said subscriber to access said ~~unified messaging system sign-on service interface~~ via a one of a Telephone User Interface and a WEB User interface using a laptop or personal computer.

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